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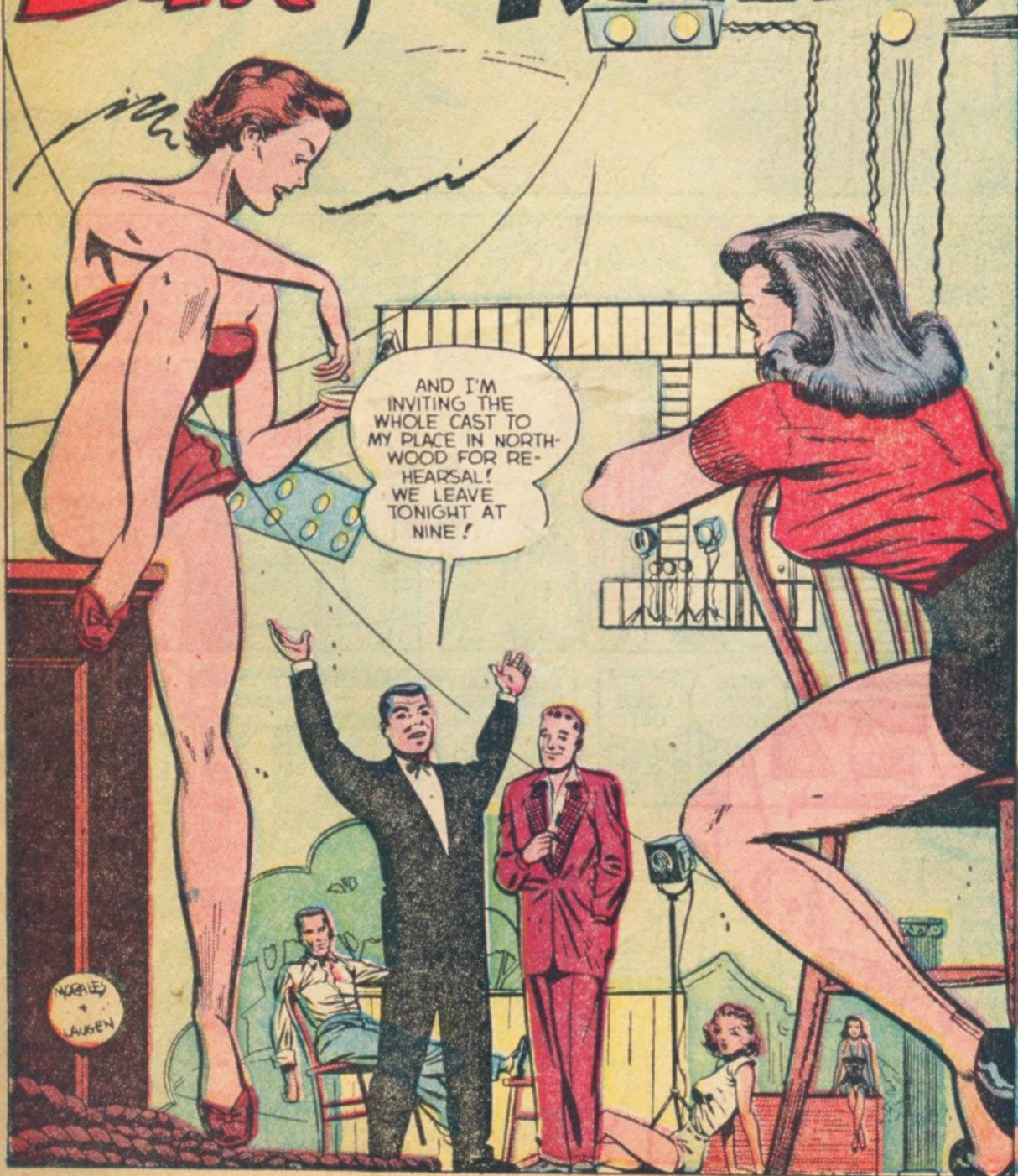
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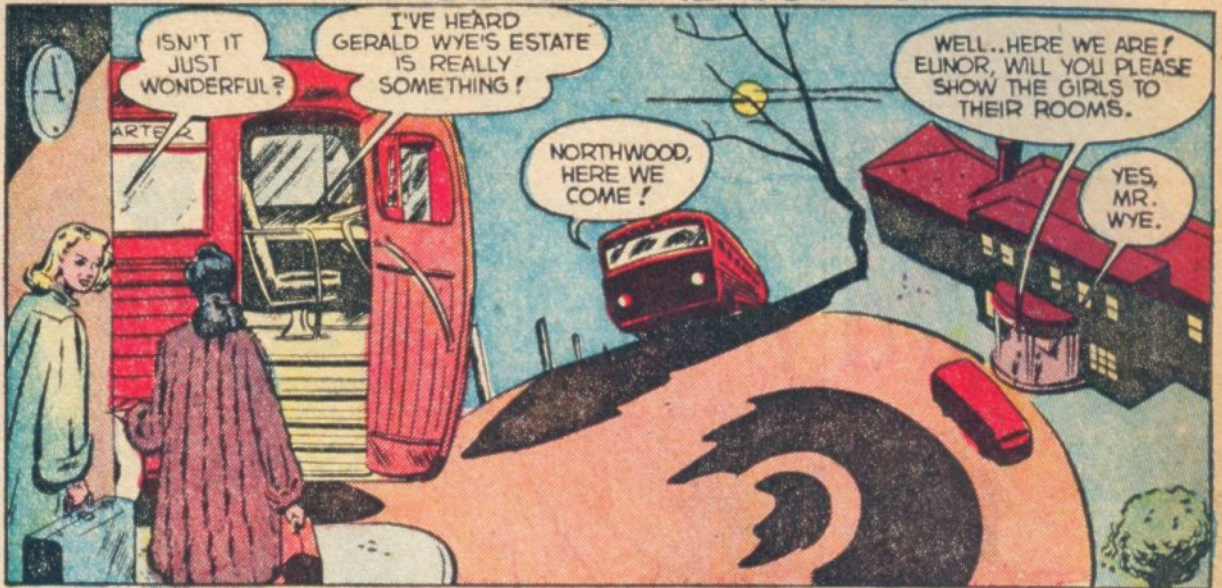
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A BACKER FOR A BROADWAY SHOW TAKES THE WHOLE CAST TO HIS ESTATE IN NORTHWOOD FOR REHEARSAL ... AND A DOUBLE TRIANGLE LOVE AFFAIR FORCES AUTHOR CURTIS CHASE, WHO PLAYS DETECTIVE AS A HOBBY, TO BE ...

Bait for a KILLER



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I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T WANT BAD PUBLICITY BEFORE THE SHOW OPENS! I KNOW... I'LL CALL CURTIS CHASE... TELL HIM TO COME UP RIGHT AWAY.



WHY, HELLO, GERALD... YOU WANT US TO COME UP... A GIRL? OH MY! WE'LL BE THERE IN TWO HOURS... 'BYE.



...AND GINGER PERRY'S HEAD WAS CUT RIGHT OFF? WE'VE KNOWN GERALD A NUMBER OF YEARS... BUT HE *DOES* HAVE A FANCY ASSORTMENT OF FOREIGN AND ANTIQUE

OH, CURT! THAT'S HIS HOBBY! SURELY YOU DON'T THINK GERALD...

KNIVES AND SWORDS.



I'M SO GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT, CURTIS.. MERRY. I'LL INTRODUCE YOU AROUND.. THEN YOU CAN TAKE CHARGE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO! AND PLEASE.. DON'T CALL THE POLICE!



"THIS IS ELINOR, MY MAID..."



"AND GLASSER, MY BUTLER..."



"WALDO KANE... THE MALE LEAD IN THE FORTH-COMING PLAY... HE SINGS..."



"CINDY GREGOR... SHE'LL BE TAKING GINGER PERRY'S PLACE... AS THE STAR..."



"CHAND KORIN, HE AUTHORED THE PLAY AND IS DIRECTING..."



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AND THE REST OF THE CAST... ALL FEMALES. THEY DANCE AND SING... AND... ER... PRETTY UP THE STAGE..."



JANE KOLWELL



BETH STACEY



SARA BLAIN



KORA DUNNE



SILVIA MONSON



AND.. GERRY ROLLIN



NOW I'LL TAKE YOU UP TO... GINGER'S ROOM...



A REALLY CLEAN CUT! ALMOST AS IF DONE WITH A SCALPEL!



GERALD, I'M CALLING IN THE POLICE. THIS IS A LITTLE TOO TOUCHY TO PLAY HERO PRIVATE EYE WITH!

BUT.. BUT THE PUBLICITY WILL RUIN EVERYTHING! THE PLAY.. MY INVESTMENT!



THE PHONE'S DEAD!

I'LL GET MY CAR... DRIVE IN TO TOWN...

DON'T BOTHER! WHOEVER CUT THE PHONE LINES MOST LIKELY PUNCTURED OUR GAS TANKS, TOO, GERALD!

I'LL SEND GLASSER THEN. HE CAN WALK DOWN AND CALL FROM A FARMHOUSE DOWN THE ROAD ABOUT EIGHT MILES.



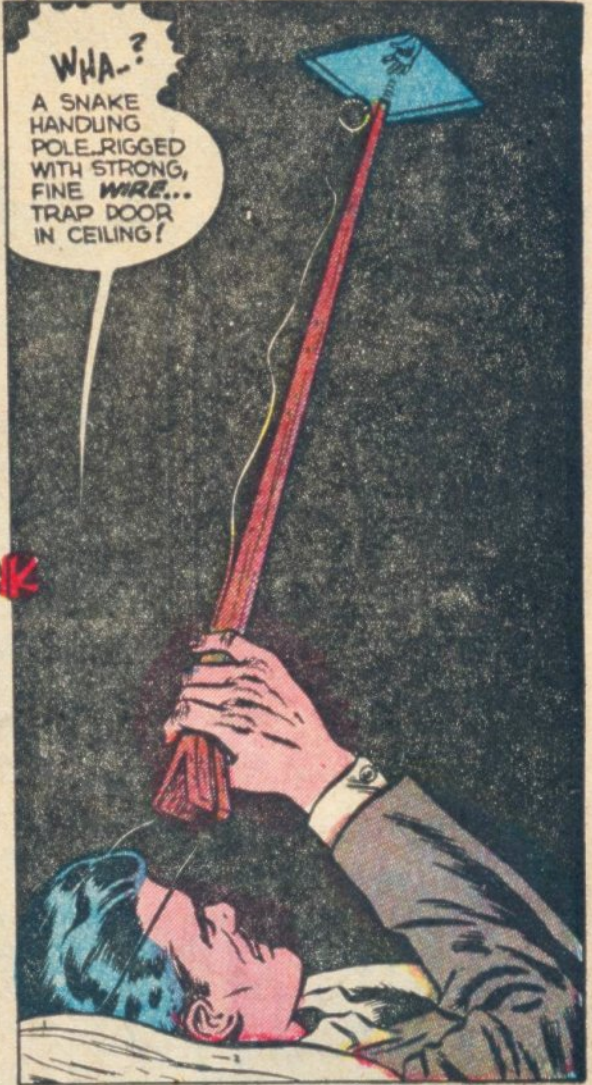
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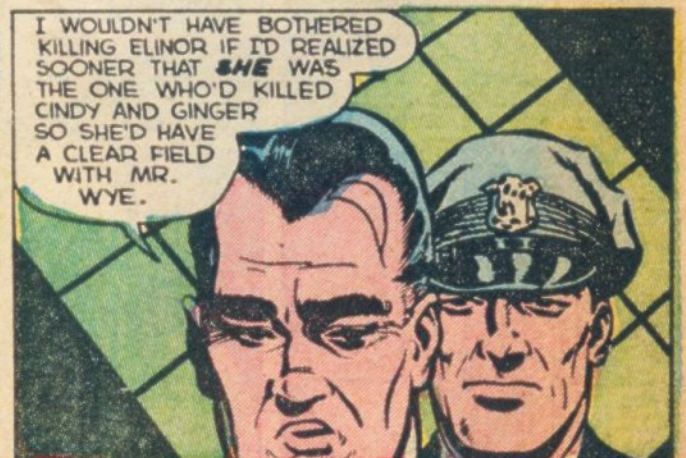
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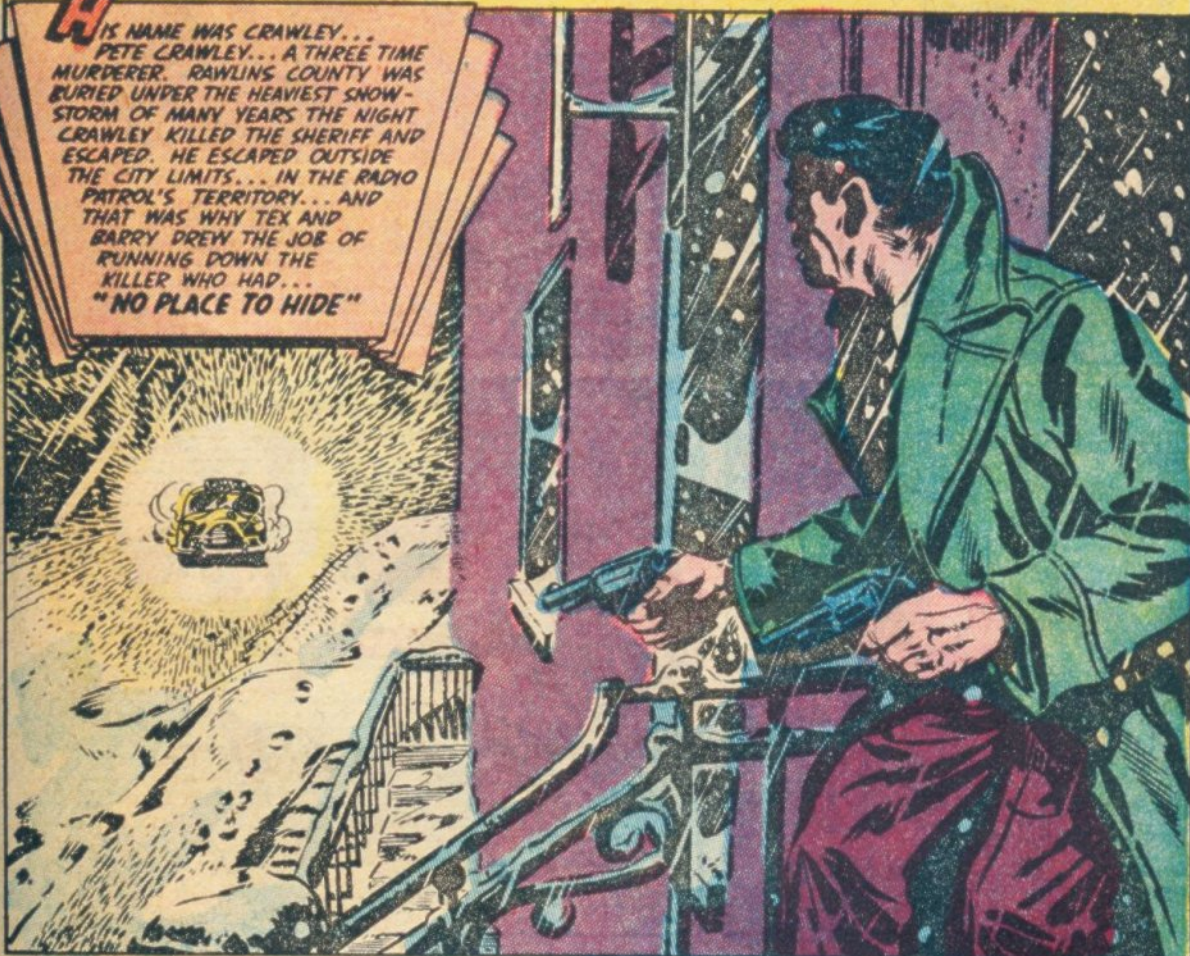


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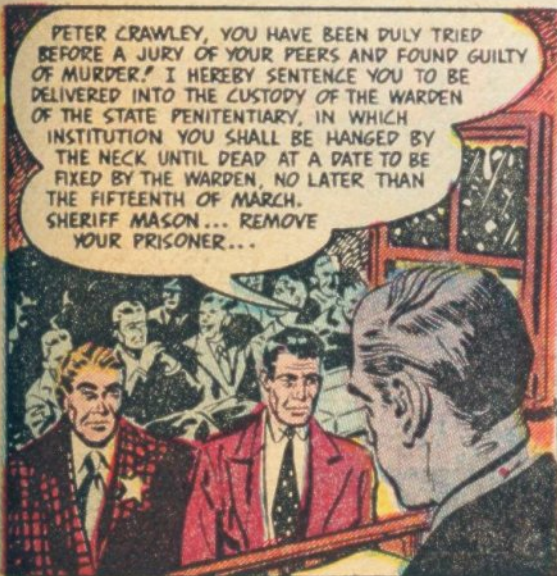
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RADIO PATROL "IN NO PLACE TO HIDE"

HIS NAME WAS CRAWLEY... PETE CRAWLEY... A THREE TIME MURDERER. RAWLINS COUNTY WAS BURIED UNDER THE HEAVIEST SNOW-STORM OF MANY YEARS THE NIGHT CRAWLEY KILLED THE SHERIFF AND ESCAPED. HE ESCAPED OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS... IN THE RADIO PATROL'S TERRITORY... AND THAT WAS WHY TEX AND BARRY DREW THE JOB OF RUNNING DOWN THE KILLER WHO HAD... "NO PLACE TO HIDE"



PETER CRAWLEY, YOU HAVE BEEN DULY TRIED BEFORE A JURY OF YOUR PEERS AND FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER. I HEREBY SENTENCE YOU TO BE DELIVERED INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE WARDEN OF THE STATE PENITENTIARY, IN WHICH INSTITUTION YOU SHALL BE HANGED BY THE NECK UNTIL DEAD AT A DATE TO BE FIXED BY THE WARDEN, NO LATER THAN THE FIFTEENTH OF MARCH. SHERIFF MASON... REMOVE YOUR PRISONER...



THIS SNOW STORM IS BUILDIN' UP, ANDY. MAYBE WE'D OUGHT TO WAIT 'TIL MORNING TO DELIVER THAT BOY UPSTATE.

NEVER MIND THE SNOW STORM, NED. CRAWLEY'S A KILLER. SOONER I GET HIM OFF MY HANDS, THE BETTER I'LL LIKE IT! PUT YOUR COAT ON AND GET HIM OUT OF THE CELL BLOCK.



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BOLLING OVER TWICE, THE BATTERED AUTO FINALLY COMES TO A STOP IN A FIELD BELOW THE HIGHWAY...



AFTER THE CRASH A DEEP SILENCE SETTLES OVER THE SCENE. PRESENTLY THERE IS MOVEMENT... AS THE KILLER REGAINS HIS CONSCIOUSNESS FIRST...



A MOMENT LATER A SHOT RINGS OUT, MUFFLED BY THE FALLING SNOW... IT IS FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER... AND ANOTHER...



... SHERIFF MASON AND DEPUTY SHERIFF SPARKER BOTH FOUND DEAD IN WRECKED AUTO... KILLED BY GUNSHOT WOUNDS... TAKING CONVICTED KILLER, PETER CRAWLEY, TO STATE PRISON... CONVICT MISSING... PATROL HIGHWAY THIRTEEN TO CITY LIMITS...



MESSAGE RECEIVED... WILCO.

WHAT A NIGHT FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS! CAN'T SEE TWENTY FEET IN THIS STUFF...

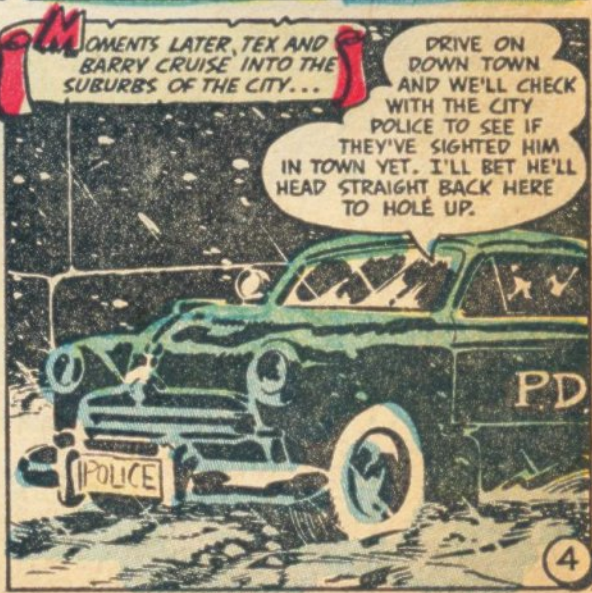


AN ARMED KILLER WITH THREE MURDERS TO HIS CREDIT AND A DEATH SENTENCE HANGING OVER HIM... THIS ONE IS GOING TO BE TOUCH AND GO ALL THE WAY!

KEYS IN THE IGNITION AND NO ONE LOOKING... THIS IS MY BUS INTO TOWN!



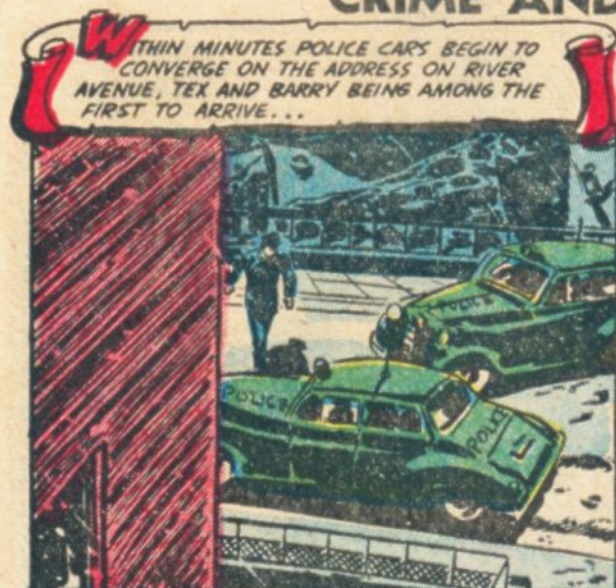
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“ELAINE GETS HER MAN”

Elaine Proctor was angry as she locked the door of her Hat Shop on Simpson Street. Then she turned to the young man who for the past three days had been standing in the small space between her store and Burke's Photography Shop.

"You have no right to stay here and beg. If you are poor or sick there are agencies in this town to take care of such cases. And if you are strong and healthy, then it is a disgrace standing here and asking for alms. I'm going to complain to the traffic policeman."

Having had her say, she walked east to the corner and then went down Main Street. She waited for the traffic light to turn green. Midway across the intersection she talked to the traffic officer.

"There's a man standing outside my shop. I own the Hat Shop opposite the Third National Bank. Maybe he is a crook watching the bank. Maybe he is a beggar. He has no right blocking my side entrance. He won't even answer me when I speak. Go and arrest him."

"Look out lady," warned the officer as the traffic light changed color. "You'll get hit by a truck if you stay here. I can't leave my post. I'm sure it isn't so important."

"As a citizen of this country I demand you enforce the law," insisted Elaine with just a little temper showing in her voice. "There is a city ordinance about loitering. And also one about begging. Unless you arrest him I will go to Police Headquarters and make a complaint."

"If you want to have him arrested then

you must swear out a warrant," advised the officer. "If you do go to Police Headquarters ask for Captain Roberts."

Captain Roberts was a patient man. When you have six children in your family, patience is not only a virtue but a necessity. His facial expression showed he was listening very attentively to the young lady with carrot colored hair and light brown eyes.

"The man actually isn't standing on your property or on any public property," he replied cordially as though he were a bit amused by the incident. "That little bit of land belongs to Burke's Photography Shop. Hence the one and only proper person to make a complaint is Mr. Burke. I'll call him on the phone and speak to him."

Five minutes later, Elaine listened to the disappointing news.

"Mr. Burke says it is o.k. for that man to stand there. I suggest you be a bit sweet next time you speak to him and it might get you results."

Elaine was angry and when she left she mumbled something under her breath about seeing the Mayor. Then she went home to her small apartment.

Joe Delaney was going over the final instructions with the members of his gang. On a table near him was a map of the city showing the complete network of roads leading out in all directions.

"There is no police officer at two in the afternoon at the traffic light. We must work with clock-like precision." He turned to Mike Risko and gave an order. "Park the car on Simpson Street. Keep the motor going. Frank will have the other car on highway 12 on the dirt road that leads to the Parkway. We make our change there. Then we head for the airport. Any questions?"

"Just curious," asked Slim Cooper. "What is going to happen to the fellow who rented the plane to you? Suppose he smells a rat?"

"I don't care what he thinks or smells," snapped back Joe Delaney. "Dead men can't talk. When he lands us at our destination, we kill him. Then burn the plane so it looks like an accident. Rain or shine, we relieve the bank of two hundred thousand bucks tomorrow."

It was raining hard on Friday morning and Elaine could see the water drip all over that fellow who insisted on standing outside. Finally she opened the door and spoke to him.

"If you aren't sick now, then you'll surely get the flu standing there in the rain. Come inside and sit down."

Without replying, the young man entered her store. He wore a long tattered overcoat closed on top with a big safety pin. He took the chair offered to him and sat down so that he had a clear view of the bank on the opposite side of the street.

"My name is Frank Galvin," he finally said. "And thanks a lot for letting me come in."

"So you really have a tongue," replied Elaine, who then hastened to add, "My name is Elaine Proctor. If you need a job maybe you could do some odd work around my shop. Clean up before I close, deliver parcels for me, and pick up materials for me."

"You certainly are very kind," replied Frank Galvin. "I'm hungry. I have a sandwich in my pocket. If you don't mind, I'll eat it."

"I have a little stove in the bank and in this weather a cup of hot coffee will make a new man out of you," said Elaine. "I'll have something to eat with you."

Mr. Herbert Randler, president of the Bank looked at the well dressed stranger standing opposite him.

"You called for an appointment, Mr. Smith. Exactly what is the nature of the business proposition you said you wished to discuss with me?"

The stranger opened the brief case and took out a machine gun pistol.

"Two of my boys are in the bank with me. I want two hundred thousand dollars. Not in small bills but in large bills of hundred dollar denominations or more. Be nice about it and there won't be any trouble. Otherwise we'll shoot up this bank just like you have seen in Wild West Movies. Only our guns have real bullets."

The president of the bank hesitated a minute. Then in response to a signal Slim

Cooper came over holding a half open brief case which also displayed a business like gun. Mr. Herbert Randler arose and led his unwelcome visitor to the vault. A large canvas bag was produced and that was quickly filled with packages of currency as demanded. Then Joe Delaney and his two boys left the bank. A second later the burglar alarm was set off by the bank president who shouted at the top of his lungs.

"Get those men! They just robbed the bank!"

Peter Kapper, retired cop now employed as bank guard, went for his gun and ran outside. He fired once and fell as Joe Delaney shot him. The gangsters ran for their waiting car. Both Frank Galvin and Elaine Proctor became aware of the hold up. Frank went into action as he pushed aside his long coat and came up with a small submachine gun.

"I'm a Federal Officer," he shouted to Elaine, "Get back into the store. I'm going for those men."

"Look out Joe," warned Slim as he spotted the unexpected armed man. There was an exchange of gun fire. Joe fell to the ground and so did Frank. Slim and the other gangster got into the car. Elaine picked up the small submachine gun.

"Shoot at the tires," Frank managed to say. "Pull the trigger." The street was slippery as the get away car pulled away from the curb. Elaine aimed at the tires and let loose with one long blast from the gun. She hit the tires and the car skidded out of control and then smashed into a light pole. It burst into flame.

"I'll be out of this hospital in another week," Frank told Elaine as she sat at his side in the private room which was filled with unopened telegrams, fruit baskets and flowers. "And there are a lot of things I want to tell you and a lot of things I hope we can do together."

"Sure you aren't after my money," said Elaine with a twinkle in her eye. "Captain Roberts explained that neither policemen nor Federal law enforcement agents can collect rewards. But it seems that little machine gun I used was responsible for getting the gang. And a total of thirty thousand dollars in reward money is coming my way. In addition, the bank wants to fix up my hat store. But I don't think I will let them do that."

"No use fixing up a store you aren't going to use," warned Frank as he kissed Elaine.

THE END

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WHENEVER A THIEF GOES TO WORK
THERE HAS TO BE A...

FALL GUY

ANTHONY
TALLARICO

ANOTHER COMPLAINT FROM
THE FAIR GROUNDS, HAL!
THAT PICKPOCKET'S WORKING
AGAIN... GOT TWO WALLETS
AND A WOMAN'S PURSE IN THE
LAST HOUR. ALL THREE VICTIMS
HAVE REPORTED THE ROBBERIES...

GOTCHA, SARGE!
I'LL CLIMB INTO MY
MONKEY SUIT AND
BREEZE OUT
THERE!



HERE I GO AGAIN! SITTING-
DUCK FOR A PICKPOCKET...
A REAL FALL GUY FOR
A TIN-HORN THUG!

SLIP INTO
THAT RUBE
OUTFIT AND
GET GOING,
HAL! THE
CROOKS PROBABLY
AT WORK
RIGHT NOW!



A FEW MINUTES LATER, ON THE MIDWAY AT THE
FAIR GROUNDS...

DIPS USUALLY WORK BEST IN
CROWDS... THAT FREAK SHOW LOOKS
AS IF IT'S DRAWING MORE PEOPLE
THAN ANYTHING ELSE AT THIS CARNEY.
THINK I'LL DRIFT OVER THAT WAY....



I'VE BEEN INFORMED
BY THE AUTHORITIES THAT **PICK-
POCKETS** MAY BE
WORKING THE CROWD,
FOLKS! MIGHT BE A
GOOD IDEA IF YOU
ALL CHECKED TO
MAKE SURE THAT
YOUR WALLETS
ARE STILL OKAY!
I'D HATE TO SEE
ANY OF YOU SWELL
PEOPLE ROBBED
OF YOUR MONEY....



STILL THERE! WHEW... I'D
HATE TO LOSE MY BANKROLL
TODAY. JUST MADE A NICE
FAT COMMISSION ON A SALE!



PLEASE STEP UP
CLOSER, LADIES AND
GENTS. THAT'S IT... UP
REAL NEAR! WE DON'T
WANT TO CLOG THE
WALKS...

MIGHT BE A
GENUINE AT-
TEMPT TO GET
THE CUSTOMERS
CLOSER TO THE
MERCHANDISE
HE'S TRYING TO SELL
...OR IT MIGHT BE....

WILD MAN
OF
BORNEO



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A SIMPLE-MINDED GIANT LIKE RALPH BRIGANT WAS BETTER EQUIPPED TO WRESTLE WITH A CAR ENGINE THAN A COMPLEX CRIMINAL SCHEME. BUT WHEN AN EASY-MONEY IDEA DID TAKE POSSESSION OF BRIGANT'S BRAIN, HE WAS SURE HE COULD BEAT A ROBBERY-AND-MURDER RAP BY SIMPLY WASHING THE EVIDENCE...

DOWN THE DRAIN



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ALL THE DOUGH IN ENVELOPES... ADDRESSED TO ME AT MY ROOM! NOW TO SEAL 'EM AND PASTE STAMPS ON, GET THE WRENCH AND SAFE-KEY...



NO ONE IN SIGHT... TOO LATE I GUESS! A GOOD BREAK FOR ME! NOW TO DUMP THESE LETTERS IN THAT MAIL BOX DOWN THE STREET...

SO LONG TO THE REST OF THE EVIDENCE! EVERYTHING'S GONE NOW... THE WEAPON, THE KEY AND THE BLOOD! ALL DISAPPEARED DOWN THE DRAIN!



OUGHTTA HAVE THAT DOUGH DELIVERED TOMORROW... WEDNESDAY AT THE LATEST! THEN I HANG AROUND THE GARAGE FOR ANOTHER WEEK OR SO, TELL 'EM I GOT ME ANOTHER JOB... AND AMSCRAY! HEH HEH! THEY CAN'T CONNECT ME WITH THE MURDER... MY HANDS ARE CLEAN!



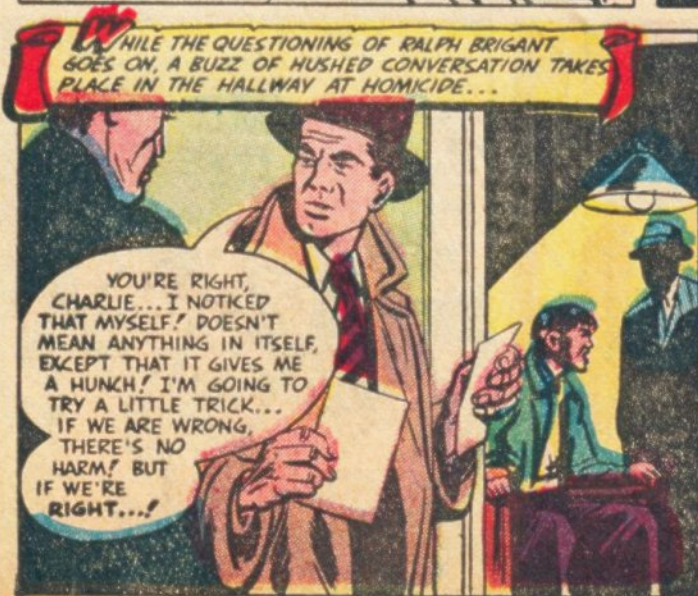
UNOBSERVED IN HIS HURRIED TRIP TO THE MAIL BOX, RALPH BRIGANT RETURNED QUICKLY TO THE GARAGE, WHERE...

NOW TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE ME AND MR. PELL WAS SURPRISED BY A COUPLA HOODS! WE FOUGHT... BUT THEY PUT US OUTTA COMMISSION! THIS SCREW DRIVER'LL DO THE TRICK...



THESE SCRATCHES... UGH... OUGHTTA DO THE JOB! THE COPS'LL NEVER THINK A GUY'D HACK HIMSELF LIKE THIS JUST TO COVER UP HIS TRACKS! NOW TO STRETCH OUT ON THE FLOOR... DRAG THE PHONE OVER LIKE I GRABBED FOR IT WHILE I WAS STILL WOOLY...

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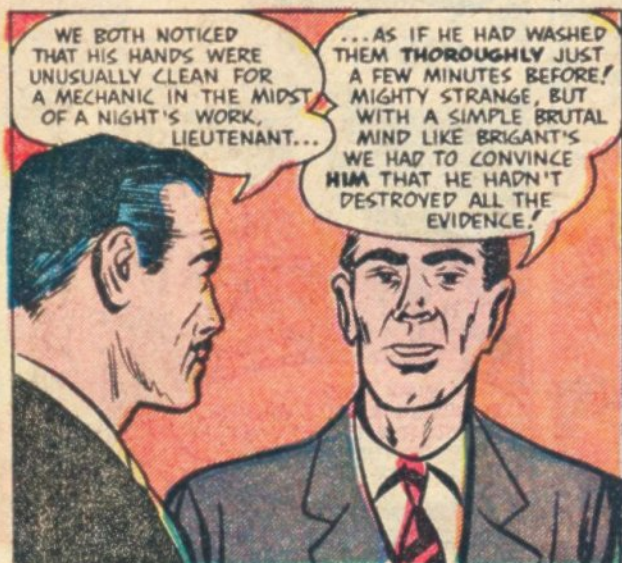


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SUDDENLY, RALPH BRIGANT'S RAGE SUBSIDED... HIS FURY VANISHED. HE BECAME A SOBBING, BROKEN MAN... BLUBBERING OUT HIS SORDID STORY LIKE A CHILD...



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THE NATION'S PRISONS ARE GLUTTED WITH HABITUAL CRIMINALS WHOSE LIVES ARE DEVOTED TO PROVING THAT CRIME CAN BE MADE TO PAY OFF. BUT MAX KRAMM THOUGHT HE WAS SMARTER THAN THE REST, FOR THEY'D NEVER CATCH HIM AGAIN, WHEN HE STEPPED INTO THE...

THREE O'CLOCK SHADOW

MY DEEPEST REGRET, MAX KRAMM, IS THAT I'M RESTRAINED BY LAW FROM SENTENCING YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES TO AN EVEN LONGER TIME IN PRISON...

IF I HAD MORE TIME ON THAT LAST JOB, GRANPA, THE COPS'D NEVER HAVE CAPTURED US!



THREE YEARS OF PRISON FINALLY CAME TO AN END FOR MAX KRAMM AND HE WAS RELUCTANTLY GIVEN HIS RELEASE...

GONNA PICK UP WHERE YOU LEFT OFF, KRAMM? IF YOU TRY, YOU'LL BE A HOUSE-GUEST HERE AGAIN... FOR LIFE!

SO LONG, SADS! BE GOOD BOYS AND SAVE YOUR MONEY... IN THE BANKS I'M GOING TO TAP!

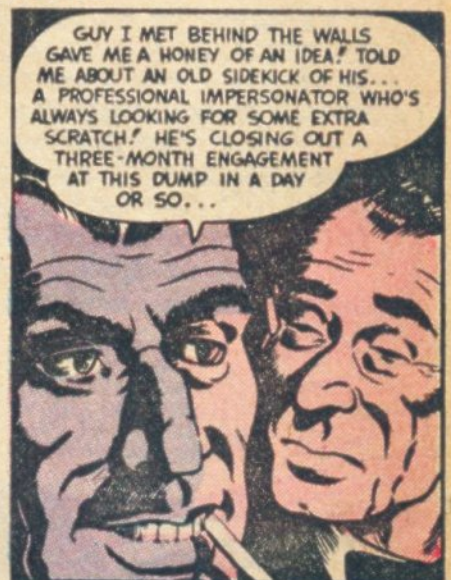


CLIMB IN, MAX... LONG-TIME NO-SEE! WE WERE RELEASED A COUPLA WEEKS AGO... BEEN SWEATING YOU OUT EVER SINCE!

GREETINGS, LEFTY... ACE! LET'S GET AS FAR AWAY FROM THIS STINKING PILE OF ROCKS AS WE CAN... I GOT BIG IDEAS TO TALK ABOUT!



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NOW... EXIT THE REPORTER FROM *PROFILE* MAGAZINE, ENTER THE SECOND MR. THORSON. A LITTLE MORE EYE SHADOW... A SWITCH FROM MY OWN TENOR TO A DEEP BARITONE...



YES, MAX... HE'S ALL SET UP! GET THAT RENTED AMBULANCE OVER HERE IMMEDIATELY! I'LL KEEP EVERYONE LOCKED OUT OF THIS OFFICE UNTIL YOU ARRIVE... AND COVER UP THE PATIENT BECAUSE HE HAS SUCH A TERRIBLE CHILL! HEH HEH! *PROFILE* REPORTERS ARE TOO FRAIL FOR THIS KIND OF EXCITING WORK...



... AND THEN HE JUST KEELED OVER! TOLD ME HE HASN'T BEEN FEELING WELL, RECENTLY...

WE'LL TAKE HIM RIGHT TO EMERGENCY, MR. THORSON. THANKS FOR THE PROMPT CALL!



UNFORTUNATE THING, EH ALEX? BUT THE REST OF US HAVE TO CARRY ON! GET ME A COURIER CASE AS SOON AS YOU LET ME INTO THE VAULT... UNEXPECTED CALL FROM THE BANK EXAMINERS! I HAVE TO PERSONALLY CHECK ALL THE CURRENCY WE HAVE ON HAND... SOMETHING ABOUT A WIDESPREAD COUNTERFEIT RING!



FINE! NOW FOR SOME INTENSE CHECKING, ALEX! PLEASE SET THE LOCK OF MY DOOR SO THAT IT CLICKS SHUT WHEN YOU CLOSE IT...

CERTAINLY, MR. THORSON!



THIS SPECIALLY-TAILORED SUIT MAX GOT FOR ME OUGHT TO HOLD A WHOPPING AMOUNT OF MONEY, WITHOUT TIPPING ANYONE OFF THAT I'M LOADED! AND FROM THE LOOK ON THE GUARD'S FACE... HE CAN'T TELL ME FROM THORSON!

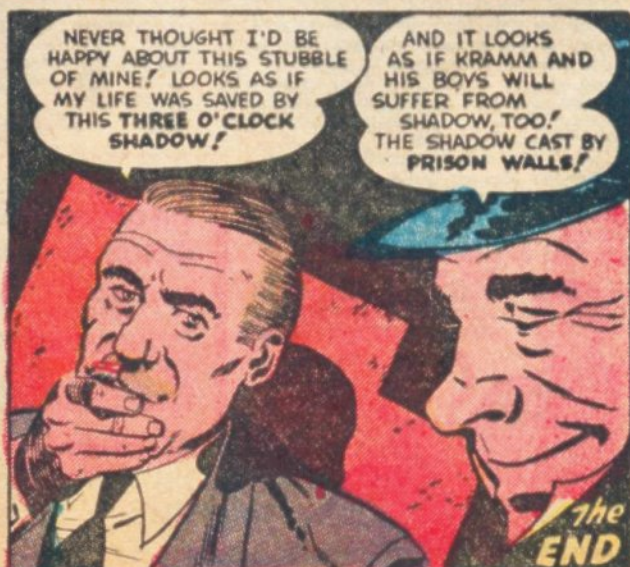
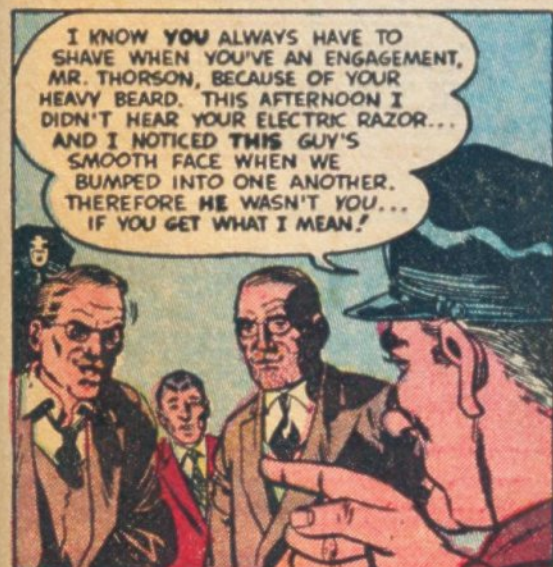


I'M STUFFED WITH CURRENCY... AND THIS COURIER CASE IS GOING TO BE STUFFED WITH BLANK PAPER! THEY WON'T SUSPECT ANYTHING UNTIL TOMORROW... BY THAT TIME WE'LL HAVE VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE!

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"I killed that Cop!"



... said the SCANDAL-HUNGRY BRUNETTE. Was she lying? Was she "screwed"? Or was she really guilty? Janet Stahl was the fanciest-looking manicurist on Manhattan Island and ... and the craziest, too! She "confessed" that SHE killed the cop—because he made a pass at her. Was she lying just to get her name in the papers? Or was she telling the truth? NERO WOLFE has to find out fast—before murder strikes again! A terrific thriller! Don't miss TRIPLE JEOPARDY by Rex Stout.



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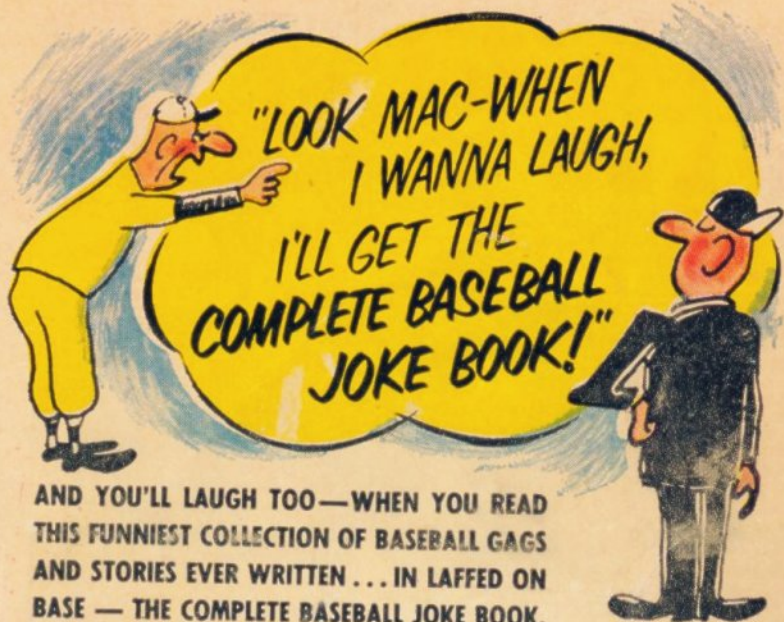
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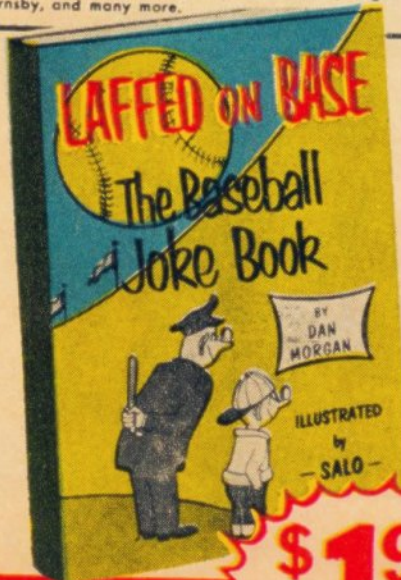
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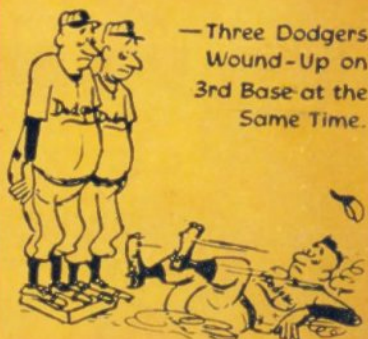
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